

the same is held one month before or after, or any other period of time before or after, any regular election for county officers or any other general or special election. It shall not be necessary to order a new registration for the purpose of this election unless the board of county commissioners in its discretion shall desire to do so, and said Board of County Commissioners of Halifax County may designate judges, registrars and other election officers for general election purposes to hold and conduct said election but in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of Chapter 153 of the General Statutes, as amended, the Board of County Commissioners of Halifax County may use the registration books and other election records available in the five precincts of the four townships above named for the purposes of said election. The tax levy herein provided for shall not be effective unless approved by a majority of those who shall vote in such election for such purposes.

Sec. 2. The tax, taxes or tax levy authorized under Section 1 of this Act shall be in addition to the twenty cents (20c) levied, authorized, by the Constitution for general purposes in addition to all other taxes levied in said four townships and in addition to all other levies limited by the Constitution. The tax, taxes and tax levy authorized hereunder are hereby declared necessary and to be for a special and necessary public purpose and for the special purpose of maintaining, equipping and operating said hospital as set forth in Section 1 of this Act.

Sec. 3. If said tax levy, as herein authorized, is approved in said election, then the same shall be levied and collected by the Board of County Commissioners of Halifax County in the same manner and method as all other county taxes and the same shall be set aside in a special account and in a special fund for the use and benefit of said hospital, as provided in this Act. The said tax funds shall be disbursed by the Board of Commissioners of Halifax County upon application made by the governing authority of "Our Community Hospital, Incorporated", or its duly authorized administrator, the treasurer, or other proper fiscal agent. The said fund shall be paid out according to the regular fiscal control system of the county and according to vouchers countersigned by the county auditor, but the decision of the governing authority of "Our Community Hospital, Incorporated", or its administrator or other managing agent shall be final as to the objectives and purposes for which said funds shall be used and the amounts needed for such purposes, and said payments may be made at any time during regular office hours whether the board of commissioners shall be in session or not.

Sec. 4. The powers granted by this Act shall be in addition to supplementary, and not as a substitute for, existing powers of said Halifax County to levy taxes to finance the cost of operation, equipment and maintenance of any hospital facilities or any non-profit, charitable hospital.

Sec. 5. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 30th day of March, 1955.